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Dear Mr. McCallister:

Thank you for your email dated July 19, 2002 to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the EPA's High Production Volume (HPV) Challenge Program. We apologize for the delay in responding.

Your request to remove Pentaerythritol tetrastearate (CAS No. 115-83-3) from the HPV Challenge Program Chemical List is being addressed by this letter.

As you know, EPA posted draft guidance on procedures for removing chemicals that are no longer HPV from the scope of the voluntary HPV Challenge Program on its Chemical Right-to-Know (ChemRTK) website (www.epa.gov/chemrtk) in March 1999. Based on our review of the most up-to-date Inventory Update Rule (IUR) reporting for years 1998 and 2002, EPA has determined that Pentaerythritol tetrastearate (CAS No. 115-83-3) **does not meet** the no longer HPV criteria. This chemical was reported in 1998 and 2002 in amounts equal to or greater than the 1 million pounds per year threshold.

We will post your letter, accompanied by our reply, on the ChemRTK website as soon as possible. Should you have any questions pertaining to this response, please contact Diane Sheridan at (202) 564-4770. If you have general questions concerning the HPV Challenge Program, please submit them through the ChemRTK website comment button or through the TSCA Assistance Information Service (TSCA Hotline) at (202) 554-1404. The TSCA Hotline can also be reached via e-mail at tsc-hotline@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: AR201